

hereby reaffirmed and the United States extends Federal recognition to the Native Hawaiian governing entity as the representative governing body of the Native Hawaiian people.

**SEC. 8. REAFFIRMATION OF DELEGATION OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY; NEGOTIATIONS; CLAIMS.**

(a) REAFFIRMATION.—The delegation by the United States of authority to the State of Hawaii to address the conditions of the indigenous, native people of Hawaii contained in the Act entitled (An Act to provide for the admission of the State of Hawaii into the Union approved March 18, 1959 (Public Law 86-3, 73 Stat. 5) is reaffirmed.

(b) NEGOTIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the reaffirmation of the political and legal relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian governing entity, the United States and the State of Hawaii may enter into negotiations with the Native Hawaiian governing entity designed to lead to an agreement addressing such matters as—

(A) the transfer of lands, natural resources, and other assets, and the protection of existing rights related to such lands or resources;

(B) the exercise of governmental authority over any transferred lands, natural resources, and other assets, including land use;

(C) the exercise of civil and criminal jurisdiction;

(D) the delegation of governmental powers and authorities to the Native Hawaiian governing entity by the United States and the State of Hawaii; and

(E) any residual responsibilities of the United States and the State of Hawaii.

(2) AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAWS.—Upon agreement on any matter or matters negotiated with the United States, the State of Hawaii, and the Native Hawaiian governing entity, the parties shall submit—

(A) to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives, recommendations for proposed amendments to Federal law that will enable the implementation of agreements reached between the three governments; and

(B) to the Governor and the legislature of the State of Hawaii, recommendations for proposed amendments to State law that will enable the implementation of agreements reached between the three governments.

(c) CLAIMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

(2) JURISDICTION; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—The U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii shall have original jurisdiction over any existing claim against the United States arising under Federal law existing on the date of enactment of this Act and relating to the legal and political relationship between the United States and the Native Hawaiian governing entity provided that the claim is filed in the district court within 20 years of the date of enactment of this Act, and provided further that the Court of Federal Claims shall continue to have exclusive jurisdiction over any claim otherwise within the jurisdiction of that court.

**SEC. 9. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS.**

(a) INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the Native Hawaiian governing entity to conduct gaming activities under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

(b) BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.—Nothing contained in this Act provides an authorization for eligibility to participate in any programs and services provided by the Bureau of

Indian Affairs for any persons not otherwise eligible for the programs or services.

**SEC. 10. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section or provision of this Act is held invalid, it is the intent of Congress that the remaining sections or provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

**SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "The Review of the National Bank Preemption Rules."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, at 2 p.m. to consider EPA nominations and other business.

The business meeting will be held in S-128 (Appropriations) in the Capitol.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Strategies To Improve Access to Medicaid Home and Community Based Services."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 7, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on UN Oil for Food.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 7, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 7, 2003, at

2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa; A Progress Report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled "Postal Reform: The Chairmen's Perspectives on Governance and Rate-Setting."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on S. 1529, a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees, and for other purposes; and S. 1955, a bill to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 7, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS**

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Improving the Administration of Justice: A Proposal to Split the Ninth Circuit" on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office building.

*Witness List*

Panel I: The Honorable Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Portland, OR; the Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, Chief U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit, Phoenix, AZ; the Honorable Richard C. Tallman, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Seattle, WA; and the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, Senior U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Diego, CA.

Panel II: The Honorable Gerald B. Tjoflat, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Jackson, FL; and the Honorable John C. Coughenour, Chief U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, Seattle, WA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without Objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION  
POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Crude Oil: The Source of Higher Gas Prices?" on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness List: Mr. William Kovacic, General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission; Dr. John Felmy, Chief Economist and Director, American Petroleum Institute; Dr. Justine Hastings, Assistant Professor, Yale University Department of Economics; Mr. George Bermann, Walter Gellhorn Professor of Law, Columbia University School of Law; and Dr. Mark Cooper, Director of Research, Consumer Federation of America.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without Objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,  
THE BUDGET, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 2 p.m. for a hearing entitled, "Legislative Hearing on S. 346, a Bill to Amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to Establish a Government-Wide Policy Requiring Competition in Certain Procurements from Federal Prison Industries."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND  
WATER

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7th at 2:30 p.m. to hold an oversight hearing on the detection of lead in the District of Columbia drinking water.

The business meeting will be held in S-128 (Appropriations) in the Capitol.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, FISHERIES, AND  
COAST GUARD

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 2 p.m., in SR-428A, for a hearing on Coast Guard oversight.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND  
SPACE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on

Science, Technology, and Space, be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in SR-253, for a hearing on near earth objects.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 7, 2004, at 10 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on defense intelligence programs and lessons learned in recent military operations, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FEINGOLD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Jeff Wax, an intern on my Judiciary Committee staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of my remarks on the SAFE Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST  
TIME—S. 2290

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I understand that S. 2290, which was introduced earlier today, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2290) to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, object to further proceedings on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION COM-  
MEMORATION ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1108, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will state the bill by title. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1108) to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1108) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1108

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the American Revolution, inspired by the spirit of liberty and independence among the inhabitants of the original 13 English colonies, was an event of global significance having a profound and lasting effect on the government, laws, culture, society, and values of the United States;

(2) the years 2000 through 2008 mark the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution;

(3) citizens of the United States should have an opportunity to understand and appreciate the continuing legacy of the American Revolution;

(4) the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution provides an opportunity to enhance public awareness and understanding of the impact of the American Revolution on the lives of citizens of the United States;

(5) although the National Park Service administers battlefields, historical parks, historic sites, and programs that address elements of the story of the American Revolution, there is a need to establish partnerships that link those sites and programs with sites and programs of other Federal and non-Federal entities to place the story of the American Revolution in the broad context of the causes, consequences, and significance of the American Revolution; and

(6) a national program of the National Park Service that links historic structures and sites, routes, activities, community projects, exhibits, and multimedia materials in a manner that is unified and flexible is the best method of conveying to citizens of the United States the story and significance of the American Revolution.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to recognize the enduring importance of the American Revolution to the lives of citizens of the United States; and

(2) to authorize the National Park Service to coordinate, connect, and facilitate Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the American Revolution, including the significance and relevance of the American Revolution to the shape and spirit of the Government and society of the United States.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) PROGRAM.—The term "Program" means the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Program established under section 4(a).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION COMMEMORATION  
PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish within the National Park Service a